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**Applicant:** Shigeo MATSUZAWA et al.

**Title:** ROUTER DEVICE AND CUT-THROUGH PATH CONTROL  
METHOD FOR REALIZING LOAD BALANCING AT  
INTERMEDIATE ROUTERS

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated November 20, 2002, the period of reply being extended to May 20, 2003, by the submission herewith of a petition and fee for a three-month extension of time, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, please substitute for original claims 1 and 10, the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Marked Up Version Showing Changes Made."

Also, please add new claim 21 as provided below.